

Adult Tobacco Survey 1

Fall 2000 Survey Results

Walla Walla County

First, I have some questions about your health. Would you say that in general your health is. . .

n = 200

Excellent	25.8%	(± 6.7%)
Very good	37.0	(± 7.4)
Good	27.9	(± 6.9)
Fair	4.9	(± 3.3)
Or poor	4.4	(± 2.6)

During the past 3 months, on how many days did you stay in bed for more than half the day because of illness or injury?

n = 198

None	82.1%	(± 6.0%)
One day	6.9	(± 4.1)
More than one day	11.0	(± 4.9)

About how long has it been since you last visited a DOCTOR for a routine checkup?

n = 198

Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	73.1%	(± 7.0%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	16.1	(± 5.6)
More than two years ago	10.5	(± 5.2)
Never	0.3	(± 0.6)

About how long has it been since you last visited a DENTIST for a routine checkup?

n = 197

Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	73.1%	(± 6.8%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	13.7	(± 5.6)
More than 2 years ago	12.5	(± 4.8)
Never	0.7	(± 1.4)

Next are a few questions about your health care coverage. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as an HMO, or government plans such as Medicare?

n = 198

Yes	79.0%	(± 6.7%)
No	21.0	(± 6.7)

* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 75 omitted

Among those with health care coverage:

What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is it coverage through. . .

n = 160

Your employer	45.7%	(± 8.4%)
Someone else's employer	12.6	(± 5.8)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	14.8	(± 6.0)
Medicare	20.5	(± 6.4)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	5.5	(± 4.2)
Other	1.0	(± 1.3)

Are you currently. . .

n = 200

Employed for wages	56.1%	(± 7.5%)
Self-employed	9.3	(± 4.4)
Out of work	3.0	(± 2.4)
Homemaker	6.5	(± 3.9)
Student	3.9	(± 3.2)
Retired	19.0	(± 5.6)
Or unable to work	2.3	(± 2.1)

Now, I would like to ask you some questions about your personal history of tobacco use. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life? NOTE: 5 Packs = 100 cigarettes

n = 200

Yes	43.9%	(± 7.6%)
No	56.1	(± 7.6)

Among those who ever smoked 100 cigarettes:

Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days or not at all?

n = 84

Every day	35.6%	(± 11.3%)
Some days	8.1	(± 7.0)
Not at all	56.3	(± 11.7)

Among every day smokers:

On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke? NOTE: 1 PACK = 20 CIGARETTES

n = 30

average: * *

Current cigarette smoking prevalence:

n = 200

(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	19.2%	(± 6.2%)
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Among those who ever smoked 100 cigarettes:

How old were you when you first tried smoking cigarettes?

n = 83

average: 15.7 (± 1.0)

Among those who ever smoked 100 cigarettes:

How old were you when you first started smoking cigarettes fairly regularly?

n = 78

average: 18.3 (± 0.8)

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Among current smokers:

What brand of cigarette do you smoke most often?

n = 36

Camel	*	*
Marlboro	*	*
Other	*	*

Among current smokers:

Is this brand menthol?

n = 36

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current smokers:

Are you currently smoking a brand with lower levels of nicotine or tar?

n = 33

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

This next question asks about smokeless tobacco. Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff? IF NEEDED: Such as Copenhagen, Kodiak, Redman or Beechnut

n = 200

Yes	24.2%	(± 7.0%)
No	75.8	(± 7.0)

Among those who ever used smokeless tobacco:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?

n = 37

Zero	*	*
Less than 30	*	*
30 days	*	*

Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:

n = 200

(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	6.4%	(± 4.4%)
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What about cigar smoking, including large cigars, cigarillos, and little cigars. How many cigars have you smoked in your life?

n = 198

None	63.4%	(± 7.6%)
One	3.6	(± 2.6)
2-5	9.4	(± 4.7)
6-20	13.0	(± 5.3)
More than 20	10.6	(± 5.3)

Among those who ever smoked a cigar:

On how many of the past 30 days did you smoke a cigar, even just a puff?

n = 66

Zero	*	*
Less than 30	*	*
30 days	*	*

Current cigar smoking prevalence:

n = 200

(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	3.0%	(± 3.2%)
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Have you ever tried smoking tobacco in a pipe?	n = 108	
Yes	36.1%	(± 10.2%)
No	63.9	(± 10.2)

Among those who ever smoked a pipe:

On how many of the past 30 days did you smoke tobacco in a pipe?	n = 33	
Zero	*	*
Less than 30	*	*
30 days	*	*

Current pipe smoking prevalence:	n = 200	
(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	1.4%	(± 1.9%)

Have you ever tried smoking bidis (BEEDIES)?	n = 105	
Yes	10.5%	(± 6.6%)
No	89.5	(± 6.6)

Current bidi smoking prevalence:	n = 200	
(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	0.7%	(± 0.9%)

Have you ever tried smoking clove cigarettes?	n = 108	
Yes	18.7%	(± 8.4%)
No	81.3	(± 8.4)

Among those who ever smoked cloves:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use clove cigarettes?	n = 18	
Zero	*	*
Less than 30	*	*
30 days	*	*

Current clove cigarette smoking prevalence:	n = 200	
(any use in the past 30 days among the whole population)	0.0%	(± 0.0%)

Current tobacco use prevalence:	n = 200	
(Currently smokes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, bidis, or cloves OR uses smokeless tobacco among the whole population)	24.1%	(± 6.8%)

Among current tobacco users:

About how much do you usually spend on tobacco products every week? IF NEEDED On average, in a typical week	n = 37	
Less than \$5	*	*
\$5-9	*	*
\$10-14	*	*
\$15-24	*	*
\$25-34	*	*
\$35-44	*	*
\$45 or more	*	*

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Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation?		n = 44
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and former tobacco users:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco. Do you. . .		n = 84
Strongly agree	41.1%	(± 11.3%)
Somewhat agree	19.1	(± 8.8)
Somewhat disagree	14.4	(± 8.7)
Or strongly disagree	25.4	(± 11.1)

Among current tobacco users:

Have any of the following health care professionals ever advised you to quit using tobacco. . .		n = 44
Doctor	*	*
Dentist	*	*
Nurse	*	*
None/No other health professional	*	*

Among current smokers who were ever advised:

When was the last time a health care professional advised you to quit using tobacco?		n = 34
Within the past year (1-12 months)	*	*
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	*	*
Or 3 or more years ago	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

Would you like to quit using tobacco?		n = 38
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months?		n = 39
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users wanting to quit within the next 6 months:

Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days?		n = 21
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

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Among current tobacco users:

Readiness to quit, from the "Stages of Change" model	n = 33	
Precontemplative	*	*
Contemplative	*	*
Preparation	*	*

Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):

Within the past year, has your employer offered any stop-smoking programs or other programs to help employees who want to quit using tobacco?	n = 23	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among tobacco users with health care:

Does your health insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills, or other medications?	n = 30	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't Know/Not sure	*	*

Among tobacco users who have ever quit:

How many times in your life have you seriously tried to quit using tobacco?	n = 43	
0	*	*
1-2	*	*
3-5	*	*
6 or more	*	*

Among all tobacco users:

During the past year, have you not used tobacco for 1 day or longer because you were seriously trying to quit?	n = 44	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among former tobacco users:

About how long has it been since you last used tobacco regularly, that is, daily?	n = 41	
Within the past year (0-12 months ago)	*	*
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	*	*
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	*	*
Or 15 or more years ago	*	*
Never used regularly	*	*

Next I have some questions about you. Remember that your responses are confidential. What is your age? n = 200

18-29	22.1%	(± 7.0%)
30-49	38.2	(± 7.4)
50+	39.7	(± 7.4)

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What is your race or ethnicity? Would you say. . .(First answer)

n = 197

White	90.8%	(± 4.7%)
Black	0.8	(± 1.1)
Asian, Pacific Islander	1.4	(± 2.1)
American Indian, Alaska Native	0.3	(± 0.7)
Hispanic, Latino	6.1	(± 4.0)
Or something else (SPECIFY:)	0.6	(± 1.2)

Are you. . .

n = 200

Married	63.8%	(± 7.2%)
Divorced	8.2	(± 3.6)
Widowed	6.4	(± 2.7)
Separated	4.3	(± 3.2)
Never been married	15.6	(± 5.7)
Or a member of unmarried couple	1.6	(± 1.9)

How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

n = 200

None	60.3%	(± 7.7%)
1	14.1	(± 5.8)
2	14.9	(± 5.7)
3 or more	10.7	(± 4.9)

What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 200

Some high school or less	11.7%	(± 5.3%)
Grade 12 (high school graduate or GED)	24.2	(± 6.8)
College 1-3 years (some college, technical school, community college AA)	33.0	(± 7.0)
College graduate (4 years) or beyond college	31.2	(± 6.9)

Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):**How many people are employed where you work? IF NEEDED: Facilities that share your same street address**

n = 103

Less than 5	10.7%	(± 7.3%)
Between 5 and 9	5.3	(± 4.5)
Between 10 and 19	6.9	(± 5.5)
Between 20 and 99	33.2	(± 10.1)
Or 100 or more	43.9	(± 10.4)

Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):**When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .**

n = 104

Office	53.7%	(± 10.7%)
Store	6.7	(± 5.1)
Restaurant	6.1	(± 5.9)
Warehouse or factory	3.4	(± 3.9)
Home	6.4	(± 5.9)
Outdoors	14.3	(± 8.4)
Car or truck	2.6	(± 3.6)
Or somewhere else (SPECIFY:)	6.9	(± 5.6)

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Annual household income from all sources... IF NEEDED: Annual household income before taxes.

n = 164

\$20,000 or less	18.3%	(± 6.4%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	57.3	(± 8.3)
\$75,000 or more	24.4	(± 7.4)

Are you currently registered to vote?

n = 200

Yes	86.8%	(± 5.9%)
No	13.2	(± 5.9)

Gender

n = 200

Male	50.1%	(± 7.7%)
Female	49.9	(± 7.7)

The next questions are about secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is smoke from someone else's cigarette, cigar or pipe. In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 198

Not at all annoying to you	16.3%	(± 5.8%)
Somewhat annoying to you	25.5	(± 6.9)
Or very annoying to you	58.2	(± 7.7)

Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 191

Very harmful	65.3%	(± 7.6%)
Somewhat harmful	30.7	(± 7.3)
Not very harmful	2.8	(± 2.8)
Or not harmful at all	1.2	(± 1.7)

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: All people should be protected from secondhand smoke. Do you. . .

n = 194

Strongly agree	54.7%	(± 7.8%)
Somewhat agree	33.8	(± 7.6)
Somewhat disagree	6.1	(± 3.6)
Or strongly disagree	5.4	(± 3.3)

What about this statement: ALL CHILDREN should be protected from secondhand smoke. Do you. . .

n = 193

Strongly agree	89.2%	(± 4.8%)
Somewhat agree	9.6	(± 4.6)
Somewhat disagree	0.3	(± 0.7)
Or strongly disagree	0.9	(± 1.2)

Here is another statement: A pregnant woman could hurt her baby if she smokes. Do you. . .

n = 194

Strongly agree	88.4%	(± 4.8%)
Somewhat agree	6.0	(± 3.5)
Somewhat disagree	2.5	(± 2.5)
Or strongly disagree	3.1	(± 2.6)

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Which one of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .

n = 200

No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	80.3%	(± 6.3%)
Smoking is allowed in some places at some times	13.0	(± 5.5)
Or smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	6.7	(± 3.7)

Is there anyone, besides you, living in your household who smokes cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?

n = 199

Yes	18.1%	(± 6.4%)
No	81.9	(± 6.4)

On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?

n = 200

0 days	83.2%	(± 6.0%)
1-29 days	5.5	(± 3.6)
30 days	11.2	(± 5.1)

If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?

n = 198

Yes	13.6%	(± 5.2%)
No	86.4	(± 5.2)

Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):

The next questions are about secondhand smoke in your work place. Does your workplace have official rules that restrict smoking in any way?

n = 104

Yes	80.8%	(± 9.4%)
No	19.2	(± 9.4)

Among those employed where there are smoking rules:

Which of the following best describes your employer's smoking rules?

n = 89

Not allowed anywhere	50.4%	(± 11.3%)
Not allowed in indoor areas, but allowed in some public or common areas, such as luchrooms, or employee lounges	49.6	(± 11.3)
Or allowed in some or all indoor areas	0.0	(± 0.0)

Among those who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):

In a typical week, about how many hours would you say you are in a room with cigarette smoke while at work including your own smoking if you smoke, and including a car, if you work from your car.

n = 104

Less than one hour	87.7%	(± 8.4%)
1-10 hours	6.8	(± 6.8)
More than 10 hours	5.6	(± 5.6)

Among current smokers who are employed for wages (excluding self-employed):

On the days you smoke, how many cigarettes per day on average do you smoke at work?

n = 24

average: * *

* Estimates based on sample sizes less than 75 omitted

These next questions ask your opinion on smoking in restaurants and bars. Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in restaurants?

n = 200

Yes	63.5%	(± 7.5%)
No	34.3	(± 7.4)
Don't know/Not sure	2.2	(± 2.3)

If there were a total ban on smoking in restaurants, do you think you would eat out more often, less often, or would it make no difference?

n = 197

More often	12.8%	(± 4.7%)
Less often	7.5	(± 4.5)
Make no difference	79.7	(± 6.1)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in bars and lounges?

n = 200

Yes	27.5%	(± 6.8%)
No	59.3	(± 7.5)
Don't know/Not sure	13.2	(± 5.1)

If there were a total ban on smoking in bars, do you think you would go to bars more often, less often, or would it make no difference?

n = 196

More often	10.7%	(± 4.9%)
Less often	9.6	(± 4.9)
Make no difference	79.6	(± 6.5)

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Laws banning possession of tobacco products by minors (children under 18) have been enforced. Do you. . .

n = 200

Strongly agree	17.6%	(± 6.0%)
Somewhat agree	21.4	(± 6.4)
Somewhat disagree	17.0	(± 5.5)
Or strongly disagree	32.3	(± 7.2)
Don't know/Not sure	11.6	(± 4.8)

Here is another statement: The city or town where I live has enough rules and laws to protect nonsmokers from secondhand tobacco smoking. Do you. . .

n = 200

Strongly agree	27.4%	(± 6.7%)
Somewhat agree	29.9	(± 7.0)
Somewhat disagree	12.6	(± 5.4)
Or strongly disagree	11.9	(± 4.8)
Don't know/Not sure	18.2	(± 5.9)

Generally speaking, how often do you see young people -- those under age 18 smoking in your community? Would you say daily, or less often?

n = 195

Daily or almost daily	50.5%	(± 7.8%)
Couple of times per week	23.4	(± 6.5)
2-4 times per month	15.6	(± 5.6)
Once a month or less	5.5	(± 2.9)
Never	5.0	(± 3.2)

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Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Schools in my community are doing enough to prevent youth from using tobacco and helping them quit. Do you. . .

n = 200

Strongly agree	19.7%	(± 6.2%)
Somewhat agree	16.8	(± 5.6)
Somewhat disagree	17.7	(± 6.4)
Or strongly disagree	13.8	(± 5.1)
Don't know/Not sure	31.9	(± 7.0)

During the past year, did you, yourself, ever buy or give someone under the age of 18 tobacco products including cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or cigars?

n = 200

Yes	0.9%	(± 1.4%)
No	99.1	(± 1.4)

Here is another statement: There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference. Do you. . .

n = 194

Strongly agree	9.8%	(± 4.8%)
Somewhat agree	9.5	(± 4.7)
Somewhat disagree	8.9	(± 4.5)
Or strongly disagree	71.8	(± 7.1)

How do you feel about this statement: Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies. Do you. . .

n = 188

Strongly agree	24.6%	(± 7.1%)
Somewhat agree	14.2	(± 5.2)
Somewhat disagree	15.1	(± 6.0)
Or strongly disagree	46.0	(± 7.8)

Some tobacco companies make promotional items like clothing, hats, bags or other things with their brand on it. Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?

n = 198

Yes	20.5%	(± 6.7%)
No	79.5	(± 6.7)

During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?

n = 197

Yes	19.7%	(± 6.2%)
No	80.3	(± 6.2)

Some communities have organizations that specifically work on tobacco prevention activities. To your knowledge, has there been a local anti-tobacco or anti-smoking organization working in your community over the past few years?

n = 200

Yes	17.2%	(± 5.7%)
No	60.6	(± 7.5)
Don't know/not sure	22.2	(± 6.4)

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Among households with children 10-17 years of age:

Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?

n = 42

Yes

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No

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